

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

December 7, 2016.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 2854) entitled “An Act to reauthorize the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Emmett Till Unsolved*
3 *Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION OF UNSOLVED CIVIL RIGHTS***
5 ***CRIMES.***

6 *The Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of*
7 *2007 (28 U.S.C. 509 note) is amended—*

8 *(1) in section 2—*

9 *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at*
10 *the end;*

11 *(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period*
12 *at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

13 *(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*
14 *lowing:*

1 “(3) meet regularly with eligible entities to co-
2 ordinate the sharing of information and to discuss the
3 status of the Department’s work under this Act;

4 “(4) support the full accounting of all victims
5 whose deaths or disappearances were the result of ra-
6 cially motivated crimes;

7 “(5) hold accountable under Federal and State
8 law all individuals who were perpetrators of, or ac-
9 complices in, unsolved civil rights murders and such
10 disappearances;

11 “(6) express the condolences of the authority to
12 the communities affected by unsolved civil rights mur-
13 ders, and to the families of the victims of such mur-
14 ders and such disappearances;

15 “(7) keep families regularly informed about the
16 status of the investigations of such murders and such
17 disappearances of their loved ones; and

18 “(8) expeditiously comply with requests for in-
19 formation received pursuant to section 552 of title 5,
20 United States Code, (commonly known as the ‘Free-
21 dom of Information Act’) and develop a singular,
22 publicly accessible repository of these disclosed docu-
23 ments.”;

24 (2) in section 3—

25 (A) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
2 “1969” and inserting “1979”;

3 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting be-
4 fore the period at the end the following: “,
5 and eligible entities”; and

6 (iii) by adding after paragraph (2) the
7 following:

8 “(3) *REVIEW OF CLOSED CASES.*—*The Deputy*
9 *Chief may, to the extent practicable, reopen and re-*
10 *view any case involving a violation described in*
11 *paragraph (1) that was closed prior to the date of the*
12 *enactment of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights*
13 *Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016 without an in-*
14 *person investigation or review conducted by an officer*
15 *or employee of the Criminal Section of the Civil*
16 *Rights Division of the Department of Justice or by an*
17 *agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

18 “(4) *PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.*—

19 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Department shall*
20 *hold meetings with representatives of the Civil*
21 *Rights Division, Federal Bureau of Investiga-*
22 *tion, the Community Relations Service, eligible*
23 *entities, and where appropriate, state and local*
24 *law enforcement to discuss the status of the De-*
25 *partment’s work under this Act.*

1 “(B) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-*
2 *TIONS.—In addition to amounts made available*
3 *to carry out this Act under section 6, there is au-*
4 *thorized to be appropriated to the Attorney Gen-*
5 *eral \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2017 and each of*
6 *the next 10 subsequent fiscal years to carry out*
7 *this paragraph.”; and*

8 *(B) in subsection (c)—*

9 *(i) in paragraph (1)—*

10 *(I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-*
11 *ing “1969” and inserting “1979”;*

12 *(II) in subparagraph (F), by*
13 *striking “and” at the end;*

14 *(III) in subparagraph (G), by*
15 *striking the period at the end and in-*
16 *serting “; and”; and*

17 *(IV) by inserting after subpara-*
18 *graph (G) the following:*

19 *“(H) the number of cases referred by an eli-*
20 *gible entity or a State or local law enforcement*
21 *agency or prosecutor to the Department within*
22 *the study period, the number of such cases that*
23 *resulted in Federal charges being filed, the date*
24 *the charges were filed, and if the Department de-*
25 *clines to prosecute or participate in an inves-*

1 *tigation of a case so referred, the fact that it did*
2 *so, and the outreach, collaboration, and support*
3 *for investigations and prosecutions of violations*
4 *of criminal civil rights statutes described in sec-*
5 *tion 2(3), including murders and including dis-*
6 *appearances described in section 2(4), within*
7 *Federal, State, and local jurisdictions.”; and*

8 *(ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting be-*
9 *fore the period at the end the following:*

10 *“and a description of the activities con-*
11 *ducted under subsection (b)(3)”;*

12 *(3) in section 4(b)—*

13 *(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “1969”*
14 *and inserting “1979”; and*

15 *(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting before*
16 *the period at the end the following: “, and eligi-*
17 *ble entities”;*

18 *(4) in section 5—*

19 *(A) in subsection (a), by striking “1969”*
20 *and inserting “1979”; and*

21 *(B) in subsection (b), by striking “each of*
22 *the fiscal years 2008 through 2017” and insert-*
23 *ing “fiscal year 2017 and each of the 10 subse-*
24 *quent fiscal years”;* and

25 *(5) in section 6—*

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

2 (i) by striking “each of the fiscal years
3 2008 through 2017” and inserting “fiscal
4 year 2017 and each of the 10 subsequent fis-
5 cal years”; and

6 (ii) by striking “1969” and inserting
7 “1979”; and

8 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
9 follows:

10 “(b) *COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DE-*
11 *PARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—Using funds appropriated under*
12 *section 3(b)(4)(B), the Community Relations Service of the*
13 *Department of Justice shall provide technical assistance by*
14 *bringing together law enforcement agencies and commu-*
15 *nities to address tensions raised by Civil Rights era*
16 *crimes.”;*

17 (6) in section 7—

18 (A) in the heading, by striking “**DEFINI-**
19 **TION OF ‘CRIMINAL CIVIL RIGHTS STAT-**
20 **UTES’**” and inserting “**DEFINITIONS**”;

21 (B) in paragraph (6), by redesignating sub-
22 paragraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii),
23 respectively, and indenting the clauses accord-
24 ingly;

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
2 through (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F),
3 respectively, and indenting the subparagraphs
4 accordingly;

5 (D) by striking “In this Act, the term” and
6 inserting: “In this Act:

7 “(1) *CRIMINAL CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTES.*—The
8 term”; and

9 (E) by inserting at the end the following:

10 “(2) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—The term ‘eligible enti-
11 ty’ means an organization whose primary purpose is
12 to promote civil rights, an institution of higher edu-
13 cation, or another entity, determined by the Attorney
14 General to be appropriate.”; and

15 (7) by striking section 8.

Attest:

Clerk.

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AMENDMENT